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SUBJECT: IV GRANT FOR WALID JUMBLATT

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1. WALID JUMBLATT AGREES "IN PRINCIPLE" TO MARCH 22 DATE. HE EXPECTS TO BE FINISHED WITH THE PROGRAM AND VISITING DELEGATIONS FOR THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HIS FATHER'S DEATH BY THAT DATE. HENCE HIS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE SHOULD HOLD "UNLESS NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COUNTRY PRECLUDE MY TRAVEL."

2. THE FOLLOWING ARE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS DISCUSSED WITH JUMBLATT BEFORE ARRIVAL REFTEL B:

A. WASHINGTON-MEET WITH SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS INCLUDING UNDER SECRETARY HABIB, ASST SECRETARY SAUNDERS NSC STAFFER QUANDT AND MEMBERS OF THE U.S. SENATE AND HOUSE. ONE OR TWO SESSIONS WITH GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY AND ARAB-AMERICAN GROUPS (PERHAPS VIA CLOVIS MAKSOUD WITH WHOM JUMBLATT IS IN TOUCH) SOME SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEAST ONE EVENING AT A PLAY OR CONCERT.

B. NEW YORK-ONE POLITICAL DAY WITH LEBANON'S UN AMBASSADOR GHASSAN TUENI AND OTHER UN OFFICIALS. ONE DAY FOR "SEEING NEW YORK". JUMBLATT IS KEEN ABOUT SUGGESTION THAT HE MEET WITH MEMBERS
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OF THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS QUARTERLY. ALSO A VISIT TO COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE.

C. MICHIGAN-JUMBLATT WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE DRUZE COMMUNITY IN FLINT OR "WHEREVER THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE." HE ALSO SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED A VISIT TO THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY

OR ANY OTHER AUTOMOBILE PLANT WHILE HE IS IN MICHIGAN.

D. LOS ANGELES-THIS IS ANOTHER SPECIFIC REQUEST BY JUMBLATT. HE WANTS TO GO THERE BECAUSE THE CITY COUNCIL HAD WRITTEN HIM WHEN HIS FATHER WAS ASSASSINATED. HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN VISITING HOLLYWOOD AND SAN FRANCISCO.

E. JUMBLATT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN "EXCHANGING VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST WITH SOME KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE." THEREFORE, VISITS TO UNIVERSITIES WHICH EMPHASIZE MIDDLE EAST PROGRAM SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

3. WILL CABLE ETA WHEN TRAVEL PLANS FIRMED UP.
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